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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TW

SUBJECT: RUMORED KIDNAPPING THREAT AGAINST THEODORE YU

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1. ON MAY 10, THE FBI RECEIVED INFORMATION ORIGINATING FROM THE ROC NATIONAL SECURITY BUREAU THAT TAIWAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT ELEMENTS WERE PLANNING TO KIDNAP THEODORE YU, THE TEENAGE SON OF PREMIER CHIANG'S DAUGHTER AMY CHIANG YU WHO RESIDES IN SAN FRANCISCO, IN ORDER TO EXCHANGE THEODORE FOR THE RELEASE OF WANG HSING-NAN, WHO WAS CONVICTED IN JANUARY OF MAILING PARCEL BOMBS TO ROC OFFICIALS.

2. AS PREMIER CHIANG'S AIDE JAMES SUNG HAS MENTIONED THIS SUBJECT TO EMBASSY, WE WISH YOU TO BE AWARE THAT THE FBI HAS MOVED RAPIDLY TO ASSESS THE THREAT AND ARRANGE APPROPRIATE PROTECTION. THE FBI HAS CONTACTED THEODORE'S FATHER AND "WORKED WITH LOCAL POLICE IN CONDUCTING PROTECTIVE SURVEILLANCE AT-THEODORE'S HOME-AND SCHOOL. -AS THE FBI S

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REGULAR LIAISON CONTACT AT THE ROC EMBASSY HAD NO INFORMATION, THE FBI SENT TOKYO'S ASSISTANT LEGAL ATTACHE TO TAIPEI TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE KIDNAPPING THREAT.

3.OUR ASSESSMENT IS THAT THE NSB'S INFORMATION CAME INDIRECTLY FROM A SINGLE, AND AS YET UNCONFIRMED, SOURCE. THE YU FAMILY, WHOSE BACKGROUND CONDITIONS IT TO CAUTION AND

EVEN SUSPICION, HAS BEEN ALERT TO A POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING THREAT FOR SOME TIME BUT HAS NOT SEEN ANYTHING UNUSUAL AND IS QUITE RELAXED, DESPITE THIS NEW REPORT. LOCAL POLICE INVESTIGATIONS HAVE NOT UNCOVERED ANY TROUBLING INDICATIONS OF A POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING.

4. DESPITE THE ABSENCE OF HARD INFORMATION, THE FBI HAS NEVERTHELESS TAKEN PRECAUTIONARY STEPS TO INFORM ITS FIELD OFFICES TO BE ALERT FOR ANY INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT AND ALSO TO CONTINUE LOCAL POLICE LIAISON WITH THEODORE'S FATHER. VANCE

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